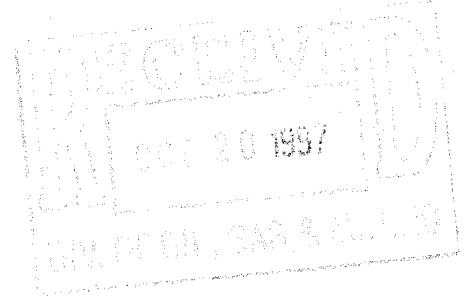




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IN REPLY REFER TO: 3809

UTU-68572
(UT-045)

October 16, 1997

Wayne Hedberg
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Ste. 1210
Box 145801
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801


Dear Mr. Hedberg:

I have reviewed the October 15, 1997 reclamation bond adjustment done by your office for the USMX Goldstrike mine (UTU-68572 and M/053/005). All of the adjustments agree with my assessment. The Dixie RA therefore agrees the release of \$551,041 of the bond is reasonable.

Please provide me a copy of the replacement bonding instrument when it is filed.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at this office at 435/688-3205.

Sincerely,


Larry Gore
Geologist